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26.	Orissa	Pension/Subsistance Allowance of Rs.200/- P.M.
27.	Pondicherry	
28.	Punjab	Rs. 200/- P.M.
29.	Rajasthan	Rs 200/- P.M..
30.	Sikkim	Rs 500/- P.M.
31.	Tamilnadu	Rs 200/- P.M. Maintenance Allowance per beneficiary to severely disabled including mentally retarded
32.	Tripura	Rs 125/- P.M.
33.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs 150/- P.M.
34.	Uttaranchal	Rs 400/- P.M.
35.	West Bengal	Rs 400/- P.M.

Status and Function of Directorate of Prohibition

1058. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Directorate of Prohibition;

(b) whether it is being shifted from one to another Ministry;

(c) what are its functions;

(d) whether it is effective in Centrally controlled areas; and

(e) if so, to what extent it has influence on States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Grants to NGOs

1059. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gives grants to NGOs/Associations to run projects for 'Nasha Mukti Avam Punarwas Kendra' and also for construction of hostels for SC boys and girls;

(b) if so, the details of requirement of grants;

(c) the number of projects received, date-wise from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana since 1st January, 2006, till date;

(d) the number of such projects accepted/rejected, alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government informs the concerned NGOs directly about the project acceptance/rejection, with reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The

requirement of grant is circumscribed by financial constraints and is decided on the basis of budgetary allocation and demand under the schemes.

(c) to (e) For 'Nasha Mukti Avam Punarwas Kendra' two proposals during 2006 from Haryana and one proposal form Uttar Pradesh were received out of which one proposal of Uttar Pradesh was approved and the two proposals of Haryana was not approved by the Screening Committee of the Ministry as they were not found adequately experienced in the field of drug de-addiction. During 2007, one proposal each from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh were received which have been approved for being set up. In 2008, two proposals from Uttar Pradesh only have so far been received and these have also been approved for being set up by the Screening Committee of the Ministry. For construction of hostels for SC boys and girls, no proposal from any of the two State Govt. was received during 2006. During 2007, two proposals from Uttar Pradesh and one proposal form Haryana was received out of which one proposal of Haryana was approved. In 2008 one proposal from Uttar Pradesh only has so far been received which has been found incomplete and therefore it has not been approved. The cases accepted are directly informed to the concerned NGOs and information about acceptance/rejection is now made available in the Ministry's websites.

Modifications in Ambedkar Fellowships Scheme

1060. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has modified the eligibility conditions under the prestigious Ambedkar Fellowship Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the suggested modifications of the scheme, if implemented, would do injustice to a huge number of SC students;

(d) if so, the steps taken to undo the modifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation had decided to discontinue the Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowship Scheme in 1997. There is no other fellowship scheme in operation in the Foundation.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Activities of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation

1061. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various programmes concerning grant of awards, scholarships, publication of books, etc. conducted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation;

(b) when the last meeting of the above foundation was called by the Chairman or the Ministry; and

(c) the details of Dr. Ambedkar Open University and Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Various States?